

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/087,406

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 5/1/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5,6,14,17-26 and 30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment was received on May 1, 2007.
2. Claims 3-4, 7-13, 15-16, 27-29 and 31 have been cancelled.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks on pages 6-11, filed on May 1, 2007 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 14, 17-26 and 30 are allowed and renumbered from 1-16.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention defines a method of adding a watermark image to a composition. The claimed invention distinguishes over the prior art by the manner in which the method has comprised the steps. The prior art of record fails to teach a watermark service sending a first network communication to a client device, the first network communication including imaging service content representing a plurality of selectable watermark images; the watermark service receiving a second network communication from the client device, the second network communication including information at least indirectly related to the selection of a watermark image selected from the plurality of selectable watermark images, the watermark service operating on a first network server and having access to the plurality of watermark images; the watermark service accessing a target composition that includes one or more graphic references, the target composition identifying an arrangement of the one or more graphics referenced by the one or more graphic references in a document to be created, the target composition being stored on a second network server such that the watermark service accesses the second network server on which the target composition is stored to access the target composition; and generating a watermark composition comprising the one or more graphic references of the target composition and a

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reference to the selected watermark image as disclosed in claim 1. Claims 17 and 25 are also allowed for the reasons of reciting the limitations that appear in claims 17 and 25.

These elements in combination with all of the other elements of the claims are not taught or fairly suggested in the prior art of record. The dependent claims are allowed for the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shefali D. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7396. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm (First Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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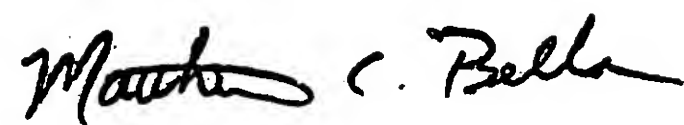
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